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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Reflections of the Late John Foster Dulles on the Cold War

1. At the time of the Director's briefing of the Vice President, on 13 July 1959, Mr. Nixon recalled the following comments made to him by the late Secretary of State shortly before his decease:
2. The West must call Khrushchev on the whole challenge to peaceful competition, meeting the Soviets on all aspects. The Soviet leaders stress economic competition, and we must meet them on those grounds; but they also must be made to meet us on other grounds as well.
3. The Soviets want us to refrain from any encouragement to natural unrest in the Soviet sphere, while they continue instigation of unrest and subversion in the Free World. We must make clear to them and to everyone the one-sidedness of the Soviet version of "competition", documenting the non-peaceful-competition of continuing Soviet-controlled communist activities in Iraq, Iran, Latin America, with provocative broadcasts and dispatches of subversive agents.
4. We welcome a clash of ideas -- but why one limited to the Free World? It should also take place in the Soviet bloc, yet our broadcasts are jammed and papers prohibited. Khrushchev should be made aware of our readiness to compete, but on fair grounds of competition applicable both in the Bloc and the Free World.
5. We can and will win overall peaceful competition in the world.

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